

North Advances in Tournament

Torrance Nudges Spartans

Reversing an early-season defeat, Torrance High squeezed into the consolation semi-finals of the Compton Invitational Basketball Tournament yesterday with a 55-54 upset win over South High.

Four men clicked in double figures to propel the Tartars into the 3:30 p.m. semi-finals tomorrow. Torrance will tangle with either El Monte or Norwalk.

Mike Hatter, Walt Hale, Bob Romero and Bob Brennan hit in double figures to pace the race-horse Tartars over the tall Spartans. Hale dropped in 16 points, Hatter added 14, Brennan contributed 11 and Romero clicked for 10.

Torrance moved into an 18-11 first-quarter lead, but by halftime South had cut the bulge to 32-30. In the third stanza, THS outscored the Spartans, 14-13, and then hung on for the win.

Deadly John Thomas topped all scorers, popping 20 points through the cords for South. Sophomore center Steve Kuckenbecker, with 16 points, was the only other Spartan to click for more than 8 points.

In the first round of the tourney, defending CIF champ Compton corralled a 32-14 halftime bulge and coasted to a 69-38 decision over Torrance.

While four Compton aces were hitting in double figures, led by Harvey Dillion's 25 points, only Hale,

with 10 markers, could break the barrier for Torrance.

South also suffered an embarrassing loss in the opening game. Under-rated Palmdale took advantage of Spartan foul trouble for a 70-57 triumph.

Palmdale hit on 21 of 29 shots from the free throw line to ice the contest. Bruce Nelson, banging in 12 of 14 charity attempts, wound up with 44 points to lead the invaders.

Two of South's big men, Dave and Steve Kuckenbecker, went to the bench in the final quarter with five fouls. When the opening period was less than three minutes old, Steve had already collected three fouls.

In the third period, trailing by only five points, South missed three straight layups to let Palmdale off the hook.

Not all went bad for the Spartans as they outbounded Palmdale, 48-31, and managed 58 shots to 52 for the winners.

Earlier in the week, South dropped a 63-48 decision to rugged Norwalk in the consolation finals of the 32-team Covina Tournament.

Despite a 15-point effort by Byron Schweigert, a 13-point performance by Dave Kuckenbecker and an 11-digit job by Steve French, the Spartans were outscored in every period.



SOARING SPARTAN . . . Forward Steve French glides in for a two-point lay-up against Pomona Catholic in the consolation semi-finals of the Covina Tournament. South won the semi-final contest but fell before Norwalk in the deciding round. (Herald Photo)

Saxons Blister Millikan

All five starters hit in double figures for North High Friday night as the Saxons roared into the quarter finals of the annual Compton Invitational Basketball Tournament with a 77-49 win over highly-touted Millikan.

Coming off a week-long break, the balanced Saxons romped into a 24-8 first quarter lead and never looked back.

Al Lepper, a 6-5 All-Bay League center, led North with a 15-point performance, but Terry Tierney (14), Dennis Ireland (14), Mike Gratzke (12) and Ron Taylor (10) all took turns at cutting up the Long Beach quintet.

With its fast break humming, North moved into a 9-2 lead after 4:11 of play. Millikan did not tally its first bucket until more than two minutes had elapsed in the opening stanza.

Taylor blocked two shots and North rammed two fast breaks down Millikan's throat to ease into the 16-point edge after eight minutes of action.

MILLIKAN SLICED the North gap to 31-18 in the second quarter but a Saxon splurge brought the margin back to 40-18 and NHS exited at intermission with a 42-27 edge.

North clinched the decision early in the third quarter when Millikan went more than two and one-half minutes without a tally while the Saxons were building a 51-27 edge.

Fouls hurt Millikan all night as the Rams' man-to-man defense resulted in 24 whistles. North committed only 8 fouls.

BILL JOHNSTON flipped in 14 first-half markers to keep Millikan in the ball game. Johnston canned 7 of 8 attempts before halftime but finished with only 16 points.



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TWO LEAGUES OPEN

Casba Squads Begin Drive Toward Recreation Titles

Balanced scoring pushed Tolson-Vaughn Realty to a 73-37 Thursday Open League win over the Hughes Basket Bombers in the opening round of Torrance Recreation Department-sponsored cage competition.

Four men, led by Ernie Woods' 13 points, wound up in double figures for Tolson-Vaughn. Joe Moeller and Warren Peterson canned 12 points each for the winners and Avery Bryant finished with 11 markers.

Ed Lauchner posted 15 points and Gary Bunn contributed 10 more for the Bombers.

Deadly foul shooting in the final period gave El Camino Realty a 43-41 decision over the South High Teachers in another Open League encounter.

Trailing by a single point going into the last stanza, El Camino Realty tallied on eight fouls and wound up with 10 points for the quarter.

Mitchell Malpee hit 13 points and Jack Cameron added 12 to pace El Camino. Sam Edwards (11), Jim McKarns (10) and Lowell Greenberg (10) kept South High in the game.

TOM HANLEY finished with 13 points and Fred Peterson with 10 as the Llama Room picked up a 39-26 win against Magnavox in another Open League tilt.

Bill Schneller, with 14 markers, was the only Magnavox player to connect in double figures. The losers were in the game until the final quarter when they were limited to one point while the Llama Room tallied 11.

In Industrial League action, Allresearch gained a 47-24 win over Local No. 1-547.

Red Wing Ice Squad Loses Tilt

Outmanned Torrance dropped a 4-1 Olympic Minor Hockey Assn. decision to Van Nuys in a Pee Wee division contest last week.

Mike Anderson tallied the only Red Wing goal of the contest. Two Torrance players, Robby Smith and team captain Stefan Malczewski, missed the game on account of illness. Steve Dorney was taken off the ice for the locals when he was hit by a high-flying puck.

The Torrance club received their worst beating in history recently when a Canadian club from Humber Valley, Toronto, picked up a 35-2 triumph.

TORRANCE MAYOR Albert Isen dropped the puck for the international face-off starting the second period. During the second period, Bobby Burnett took a pass from his brother, Terry, and slapped in the first Red Wing goal.

With only 45 seconds remaining in the final period, Terry, who stands only 3 ft. 6 in., broke away and claimed the second Red Wing goal.

THE CANADIANS simply overpowered the locals as every player of the 15 invaders accounted for at least one goal or assist. Their teamwork was perfect as they communicated by tapping their sticks on the ice.

A tired Red Wing squad took on Pasadena after escorting the Canadians to a train and dropped a 15-1 decision. Torrance goaltender Frank Robinson was credited with 30 saves in the defeat.

The only Red Wing tally of the contest came in the second period when defenseman Mike McGiffin shot one at the net which ricocheted off the goalie and was flipped in by Mike Anderson.

Lincoln Wins Track Crown

Fourteen girls from Lincoln Elementary School in Torrance swept aside all opposition last Saturday to capture the Torrance Recreation Department girls' track and field crown.

More than 50 girls, ages 9 to 14, participated in eight field events, setting first-year records for Torrance girls to better next year.

Monica Jones, a 12-year-old from Westchester Elementary School in Los Angeles, was the individual star of the meet as she won four events.

In the 25-yard dash for girls 9 to 10, Cathy Fisher of Westchester won, followed by Teri Meyer of La Romeria and Yvonne Gonzales of Victor. In the 25-yard sprint for 11- and 12-year olds, Christy Bradshaw of Westchester won, followed by Nancy Schnieders of West-

chester and Beth Hollis of Madrona.

Teri Meyer of La Romeria won the 50-yard dash for 9- and 10-year olds, followed by Cecilia Garbarini and Carol Pollard, both of La Romeria.

Elaine Long of Lincoln, Christy Bradshaw of Westchester and Nancy Schnieders of Westchester placed in the 50-yard dash for 11- and 12-year olds. Monica Jones, Connie Deardon of Carr, and Debbie Torrance of Lincoln finished in the 50-yard dash for 13- and 14-year olds.

Monica Jones repeated her win in the 75-yard dash for 13- and 14-year olds with Debbie Torrance and Mary Ellen Clinton of Westchester trailing.

In the pursuit relay, Westchester won, followed by a Lincoln team composed of Elaine Long, Peggy Atkins, Debbie Torrance and Diana

Ingersoll, and a Paradise team composed of Shannon Cote, Jerri Meininger, Linda Ebner and Alice Pereyra.

Placing in the standing broad jump for 9- and 10-year olds were Vickie Elliot of Victor, Bridget McAuley of Lincoln and Carol Pollard of La Romeria. Monica Jones, Connie Stuchal of Westchester and Marlette Watt of Paradise swept the broad jump for 11- and 12-year olds. Connie Deardon of Carr, Debbie Torrance and Valerie Ahrens of Sea-Aire won in the 13- and 13-year division.

The jump and reach was dominated by Nan Chandler (Lincoln), Cecilia Garbarini and Bridget McAuley (Lincoln) for 9- and 10-year olds; Elaine Long (Lincoln), Barbara Froseth (Sea-Aire) and Marlette Watt, 11- and 12-year olds; and Connie Deardon, Mary Ellen

Clinton (Westchester) and Janice Johnson (Carr) in the 13- and 14-year old division.

In the basketball toss, Gay Hasel (Westchester), Yvonne Gonzales, Cathy Fisher and Cecilia Garbarini placed among 9- and 10-year olds, Shannon Cote, Barbara O'Connor (Arlington), Ceise Chylak (Arlington) and Carolyn Long (Victor) placed in the 11- and 12-year old division.

Placing high in the baseball throw for 9- and 10-year olds were Cathy Fisher (Westchester), Vickie Elliott (Victor) and Yvonne Gonzales. Beth Hollis (Madrona) Mary Lou Peterson (Westchester) and Diana Ingersoll (Lincoln) placed among the 11- and 12-year olds, and Janice Johnson (Carr) and Mary Ellen Clinton (Westchester) triumphed among 13- and 14-year olds.

Athletic Aristocracy Forms at El Camino



KEEPING 'EM HAPPY . . . Mrs. James Hanchett serves her son Mike in the El Camino College cafeteria where she works as assistant manager. Her husband, a member of the college's physical education staff, beams approval at left. Mike was a top defensive performer for Camino's pigskinners this season. He is a graduate of North High.



FATHER AND SON . . . Al Lininger, a veteran electrician, and his son Mike meet on the El Camino College campus. While Al provided the power via overhead lights, Pat gained honors as an end on the Warrior grid squad.

Three Families Reign Over Warrior Football Fortunes

Although conceived in democratic traditions, El Camino College boasts a little heirarchy all its own.

Three ruling families reigned and ruled over Warrior battlefields during the past year. These were the aristocratic houses of Hanchett, Lininger and Frame-Morrow.

While the royal trio reigned, coach Ken Swearingen of the El Camino football dynasty got a kick out of the whole lineal situation. While other coaches worried about charges of recruitment, Swearingen swore that his gridiron talent was native stock.

Meanwhile, the football accomplishments of Mike Hanchett, Pat Lininger and Tom Frame, all sons of campus employees, were enough to make even the most zealous of recruiters turn green with envy.

Hanchett, a second-year man from North High, performed admirably at defensive halfback and earned praise as the Most Improved Player at the end of the season.

His father, Jim, in the physical education staff at El Camino, issuing athletic equipment to adventurous Warriors.

Top athletes require nourishment to keep in good physical condition. Mike is well supplied both at home and on campus by his mother, Ruth, who serves as assistant manager of the campus cafeteria.

Another North High alum, Pat Lininger, earned all-conference honors two years consecutively.

Pat's brilliance on the football field was illuminated considerably through the efforts of his father, who looks after the electrical needs of Murdock Stadium, the Warriors' home grounds.

Guard Tom Frame, winner of the Most Inspirational Player trophy this year, has both parents on the college staff. The Morningstar High graduate, whose father, Donald H. Frame, was assistant director of student personnel in charge of placement and guidance until his death in 1951, completes the athletic triumvirate.

He resides with his parents, Eileen Frame Morrow, instructional department secretary, and John W. Morrow, assistant director of instruction.